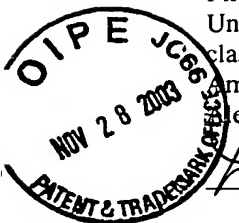


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Applicant: George L. Payet : Paper No.:
Serial No.: 10/071,137 : Group Art Unit: 1751
Filing Date: February 7, 2002 : Examiner: B. Mruk
For: **Textile Finishing Process**

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Dear Sir:

Petitioner, The Procter & Gamble Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Ohio and having a place of business at One Procter & Gamble Plaza, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, is the owner of the entire right, title and interest in the above-identified application Serial No. 10/071,137, by virtue of (A) an Assignment from the inventor George L. Payet to American Laundry Machinery, Incorporated, recorded in parent application Serial No. 267,654 at Reel 9842, Frame 0150 on March 15, 1999, (B) an Assignment from American Laundry Machinery, Incorporated to American Textile Solutions, Incorporated, and (C) an Assignment from American Textile Solutions,

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Incorporated to The Procter & Gamble Company, copies of which Assignments (B) and (C) are attached.

Petitioner is also the owner of the entire right, title and interest in U.S. Patent No. 5,885,303, by virtue of (D) an Assignment from the inventor George L. Payet to American Laundry Machinery, Incorporated, recorded at Reel 9212, Frame 0915, (B) set forth above, (E) an Assignment from American Textile Solutions, Incorporated to Procter & Gamble AG, a copy of which Assignment (E) is attached, (F) the merger of Procter & Gamble AG into Procter & Gamble International Operations S.A., a copy of the Merger Contract therefore entitled "Merger Contract Between Procter & Gamble International Operations SA and Procter & Gamble AG" being attached, and stating, in the last paragraph of page 1 that "Procter & Gamble International Operations SA acquires the total asset shares of Procter & Gamble AG"; and (G) an Assignment from Procter & Gamble International Operations SA to The Procter & Gamble Company, a copy of which Assignment G is attached.

Petitioner is also the owner of the entire right, title and interest in U.S. Patent No. 6,375,685, by virtue of (A), (B) and (C), set forth above.

Petitioner is also the owner of the entire right, title and interest in U.S. Patent No. 6,511,928, by virtue of (H) an assignment from the inventor George L. Payet to American Laundry Machinery, Incorporated, a copy of which is attached, (B) set forth above, and (I), an Assignment from American Textile Solutions, Incorporated to the Procter & Gamble Company, recorded at Reel 013251, Frame 0069.

Petitioner is also the owner of the entire right, title and interest in U.S. Patent No. 6,528,438, by virtue of (D) the Assignment from the inventor George L. Payet to

American Laundry Machinery, Incorporated, recorded in parent application 09/075,334 at Reel 9212, Frame 0915, (B) set forth above, and (J) an Assignment from American Textile Solutions, Incorporated to The Procter & Gamble Company, recorded at Reel 013271, Frame 0403.

Petitioner hereby disclaims, except as provided below, the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the above-identified application Serial No. 10/071,137 which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term defined in 35 U.S.C. §154 to §156 and §173, as shortened by any terminal disclaimer filed prior to the grant, of the earliest to expire of U.S. Patents Nos. 5,885,303, 6,375,685, 6,511,928 and 6,528,438. Petitioner hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the above-identified application Serial No. 10/071,137 shall be enforceable only for and during such period that it and U.S. Patents Nos. 5,885,303, 6,375,685, 6,511,928 and 6,528,438 are commonly owned. This agreement runs with any patent granted on the above-identified application and is binding upon the grantee, its successors or assigns.

In making the above disclaimer, petitioner does not disclaim the terminal part of any patent granted on the above-identified application that would extend to the expiration date of the full statutory term as defined in 35 U.S.C. §154 to §156 and §173 of the earliest to expire of U.S. Patents Nos. 5,885,303, 6,375,685, 6,511,928 and 6,528,438, as shortened by any terminal disclaimer filed prior to the patent grant, in the event that such patent: expires for failure to pay a maintenance fee, is held unenforceable, is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, is statutorily disclaimed in whole or terminally disclaimed under 37 CFR §1.321, has all claims canceled by a reexamination certificate, is reissued,

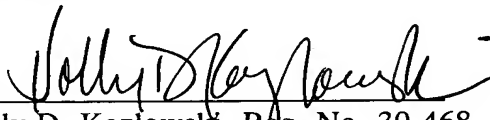
or is in any manner terminated prior to the expiration of its full statutory term as shortened by any terminal disclaimer filed prior to its grant.

The evidentiary documents for the assignments have been reviewed by the undersigned, and the undersigned certifies that to the best of her knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee to take this action. The undersigned is an attorney or agent of record and is empowered to act on behalf of the assignee.

The undersigned hereby declares that all statements made herein of her own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Please charge the \$110.00 fee required under 37 CFR §1.20 (d) for submission of this Terminal Disclaimer to our Visa credit card account. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: B, C, E, F, G and H

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Assignment - U.S. Patent(s)
and Related U.S. and Foreign Patent(s)

ASSIGNMENT

AMERICAN LAUNDRY MACHINERY, INC., a Delaware corporation, having its principal place of business at 5050 Section Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45212, hereinafter "ASSIGNOR", is the owner of record of each U.S. patent and/or U.S. patent application, and owner of the corresponding foreign and international applications identified on Appendix A hereof, each such U.S. patent and patent application hereinafter referred to as "U.S. Patent Property", and each such foreign and international application hereinafter referred to as "Foreign Patent Property".

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ASSIGNOR, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by ASSIGNOR, hereby grants, assigns and conveys to AMERICAN TEXTILE SOLUTIONS, INC., hereinafter "ASSIGNEE", a corporation of the state of Ohio, having its principal address at 5050 Section Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45212, USA, the entire right, title and interest in and to the U.S. Patent Property throughout the United States of America and its Territorial Possession. ASSIGNOR also hereby grants, assigns and conveys to ASSIGNEE all right, title and interest in and to the foreign Patent(s) or Patent Application(s) identified on Appendix A hereof. The U.S. Patent Property and Foreign Patent Property collectively may be referred to herein as "U.S. and Foreign Patent Properties".

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ASSIGNOR further covenants to execute or have executed any documents in connection with affirming the rights of ASSIGNEE pursuant to this Agreement and the filing, prosecution, maintenance, defense, enforcement, licensing and transferral of ownership of said U.S. and Foreign Patent Properties that may be legally requested of ASSIGNOR by ASSIGNEE and that ASSIGNOR is legally capable of executing or having executed, all without further consideration except direct incidental costs related thereto.

ASSIGNOR further agrees to furnish to ASSIGNEE copies of any documents or other information in ASSIGNOR's possession, custody or control that legally may be requested of ASSIGNOR by ASSIGNEE in connection with enforcing, defending or affirming the rights of ASSIGNEE pursuant to this Assignment and incidental to the filing, prosecution, maintenance, defense, enforcement, licensing and transferral of ownership by Assignee of the U.S. and Foreign Patent Properties all without further consideration except direct costs related thereto.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I(We) have hereunto set hand and seal as of the 25th day of March, 1999.

AMERICAN LAUNDRY MACHINERY, INC.

By Anthony Y. Strike
Signature
ANTHONY Y. STRIKE, PRESIDENT
Print Name and Title

APPENDIX A

DURABLE PRESS/WRINKLE FREE PROCESS

COUNTRY	SERIAL NUMBER
U.S.	Provisional 60/046.298
U.S.	09/075.334, now USP 5, 985.308 (Corresponding to Provisional 60/046 298)
U. S.	09/270.061 (Continuation of 09/075.334)
Patent Cooperation Treaty (all available countries - See list attached)	PCT/US98/09367 (Corresponding to 09/075.334)

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COUNTRY	SERIAL NUMBER
U.S.	09/163.319

TEXTILE FINISHING PROCESS

COUNTRY	SERIAL NUMBER
U. S.	09/267.654
Patent Cooperation Treaty (all available countries - See list attached)	PCT/US99/03739 (Corresponding to 09/163.319 and 09/267.654 with added subject matter)

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COUNTRY	SERIAL NUMBER
Argentina	990101262
Bangladesh	34/99
Bhile	530/99
Colombia	99017428
Egypt	305/99
Hong Kong	Will Grant From Chinese Patent (designated under PCT)
India	0317/MAS/99
Malaysia	PI 9901055
Morocco	25.504
Pakistan	204/99
Ru	000234 99
Philippines	1-1999-00593
Saudi Arabia	99200120
South Africa	99/2212
Taiwan	88104401
Thailand	1717
Thailand	049475
Venezuela	528-99

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☐ KG Kyrgyzstan
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The ASSIGNMENT of said invention is effective as of September 1, 1999.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I (We) have hereunto set hand and seal this 17 day of

October, 2001.

AMERICAN TEXTILE SOLUTIONS, INC.

By

Signature

George L. Strike, Chairman
Print Name and Title

State of Ohio

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} SS

County of Hamilton

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On this 17 day of October, 2001, before me personally appeared Anthony Y. Strike, to me known to be the person named in and who executed the above instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

[Signature]
Notary Public/Witness

BRIAN M. BOLAM - Attorney at Law
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission has no expiration date.
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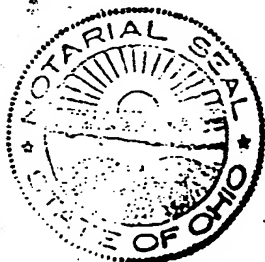
THE PROCTER & GAMBLE COMPANY

By Steven W. Miller
Signature

Steven W. Miller, Assistant Secretary
Print Name and Title

State of Ohio }
County of Hamilton } SS

On this 2 day of November, 2001, before me personally appeared Steven W. Miller, to me known to be the person named in and who executed the above instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.



Donna D. Quinn
Notary Public/Witness

DONNA D. QUINN
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission Expires Nov. 16, 2002

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I(We) have hereunto set hand and seal this 30th day of SEPTEMBER, 1999.

AMERICAN TEXTILE SOLUTIONS, INC.

By Anthony Y. Strike
Signature

ANTHONY Y. STRIKE, PRESIDENT
Print Name and Title

APPENDIX A

DURABLE PRESS/WRINKLE FREE PROCESS

COUNTRY	SERIAL NUMBER
U.S.	Provisional 60/046,298
U.S.	09/075,334, now USP 5, 885,308 (Corresponding to Provisional 60/046,298)
U. S.	09/270,061 (Continuation of 09/075,334)
Patent Cooperation Treaty (all available countries - See list attached)	PCT/US98/09367 (Corresponding to 09/075,334)

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COUNTRY	SERIAL NUMBER
U.S.	09/163,319

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U. S.	09/267,654
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Malaysia	PI 9901055
Morocco	25.504
Pakistan	204/99
Peru	000234 99
Philippines	1-1999-00593
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☒ **KZ** Kazakhstan
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☒ **LR** Liberia

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☒ **LU** Luxembourg
☒ **LV** Latvia
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☒ **MG** Madagascar
☒ **MK** The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
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The undersigned verifies that she is fluent in French and English and that the title of the attached document is "Merger Contract Between Procter & Gamble International Operations SA and Procter and Gamble AG" and that the last paragraph on page 1 reads: "I. - Procter & Gamble International Operations SA acquires the total capital shares of Procter & Gamble AG."

Cynthia Whitt-Covalcine

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October 1, 2003

Date



2002

CR/7244

CONTRAT DE FUSION

ENTRE

Procter & Gamble International Operations SA

Et

Procter & Gamble AG

Entre les soussignés :

Procter & Gamble International Operations SA, à Lancy, ici représentée par Messieurs Saffeddin H. KARPAT et John F. TRACEY, administrateurs,

Dénommée ci-après « la société absorbante »

D'une part

Et Procter & Gamble AG, à Lancy, ici représentée par Messieurs Saffeddin H. KARPAT et Thomas Robert GORHAM, administrateurs,

Dénommée ci-après « la société absorbée »

D'autre part

Lesquels soussignés ont dit et exposé ce qui suit :

I.- Procter & Gamble International Operations SA a acquis la totalité du capital actions de Procter & Gamble AG.

II.- Pour des motifs de rationalisation, Procter & Gamble International Operations SA souhaite absorber sa filiale, Procter & Gamble AG, détenue à 100 %.

Ceci exposé, les soussignés ont convenu ce qui suit :

FUSION

Article 1.-

Les deux sociétés déclarent leur volonté de fusionner conformément à l'article 748 du Code des Obligations (CO).

En conséquence, la société absorbante reprend et reçoit par succession universelle, la totalité de l'actif et du passif de la société absorbée, sur la base du bilan intermédiaire établi au 30 novembre 2001 dont copie demeure ci-annexée pour faire partie intégrante des présentes.

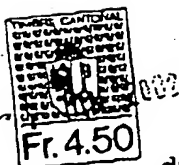
Le bilan présente :

Un actif de	CHF 3'278'036'077.—
Un passif envers les tiers de	CHF 1'377'086'544.—
Soit un actif net de	<u>CHF 1'900'949'533.—</u> =====

Article 2.-

La fusion prend effet au 30 novembre 2001 et en conséquence, la société absorbante aura dès cette date, tous les profits, revenus et avantages de la société absorbée, mais en contrepartie supportera et assumera toutes les charges la concernant sans restriction ni réserve.

Toutes les affaires conclues depuis cette date sont donc reconnues comme ayant été réalisées au nom et pour le compte de la société absorbante.



La société absorbante se charge aussi du paiement de toutes dettes pouvant exister à la charge de la société absorbée, des frais de dissolution et transfert de ladite société, quels qu'ils soient, des frais d'inscription dans tous les registres publics, des frais de publication dans la Feuille Officielle Suisse du Commerce, de toutes sommes qui pourraient être réclamées par les autorités fiscales en raison de la fusion, de même que tous impôts, taxes et redevances qui pourraient être dus et réclamés du fait de la dissolution de la société absorbée.

Article 3.-

La société absorbante détenant la totalité du capital-actions de la société absorbée, la présente reprise ne donnera lieu à aucun échange d'actions et n'entraîne aucune augmentation du capital-actions de la société absorbante.

Les actions de la société absorbée seront annulées dès l'inscription de la dissolution de la société absorbée au Registre du Commerce.

Article 4.-

Une assemblée générale extraordinaire des actionnaires de la société absorbée sera appelée à approuver les termes du présent contrat, puis à constater la dissolution sans liquidation de la société.

Une assemblée générale extraordinaire des actionnaires de la société absorbante sera appelée à approuver les termes du présent contrat.

La validité du présent contrat est expressément réservée jusqu'au moment de sa ratification définitive par les assemblées générales extraordinaires des deux sociétés.

Article 5.-

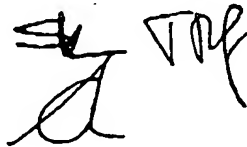
Après ratification par les assemblées générales des deux sociétés, le Conseil d'administration de la société absorbante :

- Se chargera des publications de l'appel aux créanciers selon l'article 748, chiffre 1, CO ;
- Portera la dissolution de la société absorbée à la connaissance du Préposé au Registre du commerce conformément à l'article 748, chiffre 7, CO ;
- Administrera séparément l'actif et le passif de la société absorbée jusqu'à ce que les créanciers de cette dernière aient été intégralement payés ou aient reçu des sûretés à satisfaction de droit ;
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Article 6.-

Le présent contrat est régi par le droit suisse.

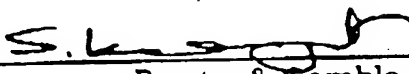
Pour l'exécution du contrat, les parties élisent domicile au siège de la société absorbée, valant également for de juridiction.





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Ainsi fait et signé en deux exemplaires originaux, à Lancy (GE), le sept janvier deux mil deux.


Procter & Gamble International Operations SA

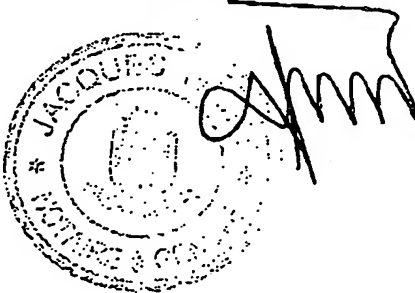

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Genève, le 7 janvier 2002.



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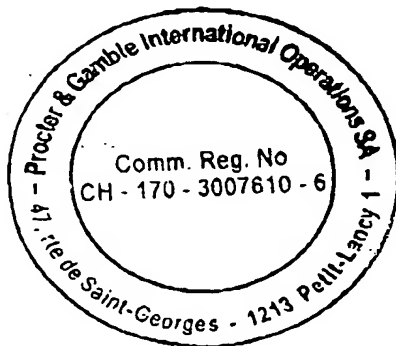
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ASSIGNOR also agrees to provide testimony for or on behalf of ASSIGNEE that lawfully may be required or requested of ASSIGNOR by ASSIGNEE in respect of enforcing, defending or affirming the rights of ASSIGNEE pursuant to this Agreement and the filing, prosecution, maintenance, defense, enforcement, licensing and transferal of ownership of the U.S. and Foreign Patent Properties, all without further consideration, but subject to ASSIGNEE's payment of ASSIGNOR's reasonable direct expenses in respect to such testimony, including lost earnings or wages, incurred by ASSIGNOR in connection with ASSIGNOR's furnishing such testimony. With

respect to pending patent applications constituting the U.S. and Foreign Patent Properties, ASSIGNOR hereby authorizes any patent office or agency responsible for the administration of intellectual property laws anywhere in the World to grant patent rights or the equivalent thereof to ASSIGNEE to the full end of the term for which any such patent or equivalent rights may be granted or requested by ASSIGNEE, as fully and entirely as the same would have been granted to ASSIGNOR had this assignment not been made. The rights and obligations of ASSIGNOR under this instrument shall extend to and be binding upon ASSIGNOR's successors, heirs, executors, administrators and legal representatives. The term ASSIGNEE, as used herein, shall include ASSIGNEE's successors, assigns, transferees, heirs, executors, administrators and legal representatives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set hand and seal this 29th day of September, 2003.



PROCTER & GAMBLE INTERNATIONAL
OPERATIONS S.A.

By

Signature

Ulrich Fegert, Attorney-in-Fact

By

Signature

Roman Dzierzon, Attorney-in-Fact

Witness to the signature of Ulrich Fegert and Roman Dzierzon, on this 29th day of September, 2003.

Witness

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, George L. Payet, whose post office addresses appear below, hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNOR, have invented certain new and useful improvements in DURABLE PRESS/WRINKLE-FREE PROCESS FOR RAYON, (hereinafter referred to as the INVENTION) for which an application having the aforementioned title and attorney docket REF/PAYRAY for United States Letters Patent was executed even date herewith.

WHEREAS, AMERICAN LAUNDRY MACHINERY INCORPORATED, whose post office address is 5050 Section Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45212-2099, hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the same in the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, ASSIGNOR, by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, the entire right, title, and interest in and to said INVENTION and application throughout the United States of America, including any and all Letters Patent granted on any division, continuation, continuation-in-part and reissue of said application.

ALSO, ASSIGNOR hereby agrees to execute any documents that legally may be required in connection with the filing, prosecution and maintenance of said application or any other patent application(s) in the United States for said INVENTION, including additional documents that may be required to affirm the rights of ASSIGNEE in and to said INVENTION, all without further consideration. ASSIGNOR also agrees, without further consideration and at ASSIGNEE's expense, to identify and communicate to ASSIGNEE at ASSIGNEE's request documents and information concerning the INVENTION that are within ASSIGNOR's possession or control, and to provide further assurances and testimony on behalf of ASSIGNEE that lawfully may be required of ASSIGNOR in respect of the prosecution, maintenance and defense of any patent application or patent encompassed within the terms of this instrument. ASSIGNOR's obligations under this instrument shall extend to ASSIGNOR's heirs, executors, administrators and other legal representatives.

ALSO, ASSIGNOR hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any and all Letters Patent referred to above to ASSIGNEE, as the ASSIGNEE of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for ASSIGNEE's sole use and behoof; and for the use and behoof of ASSIGNEE's legal representatives and successors, to the full end of the term for which such Letters Patent may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by ASSIGNOR had this assignment and sale not been made.

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ASSIGNOR authorizes any member of the firm of *Bacon & Thomas* to insert or complete any information in this document needed to effect its recordal in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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Date <i>September 30, 1998</i>	Signature <i>George L. Payet</i>
Witness (optional) _____ Print Name	Witness (optional) <i>LYNN BYINGTON</i> _____ Print Name
_____ Signature	<i>Lynn Byington</i> _____ Signature